

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OECD P 18408 051636Z

50

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01

TRSE-00 EUR-25 AEC-11 ADP-00 RSR-01 MC-02 /062 W  
----- 000907

R 051553Z JUL 73

FM USMISSION OECD PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 169  
AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L USMISSION OECD PARIS 18408

EXCON

EO 11652 XGDS-1  
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, UK, PL  
SUBJECT: UK DISC DRIVE TECHNOLOGY TO POLAND - IL 1565

REF: (NOTAL): A. COCOM DOC (73)1153  
B. COCOM DOC. (73) 1020  
C. OECD PARIS 17820

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS SUMMARY OF UK URGENCY PROCEDURE  
REQUEST FOR COCOM EXCEPTION FOR SALE OF DISC DRIVE TECHNOLOGY  
TO POLAND, STARTED AS BEING ALTERNATIVE TO RECENTLY APPROVED US  
EXCEPTION, DOC (72) 2394. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED BY JULY 16  
END SUMMARY

1. REF A IS URGENCY PROCEDURE PROPOSAL BY UK FOR SALE OF  
TECHNICAL DATA FOR MANUFACTURE OF TYPE 4043 EXCHANGABLE DISC  
DRIVES TO "MERA UNION OF WARSZAWA" FOKSAL 11, POLAND, FOR USE  
WITH POLISH MADE K-202 AND MERA 320 COMPUTERS, DOC STATES THAT  
"COMPLICATED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS TECHNICAL DATA  
INVOLVING CASH AND PROPOSED COUNTER PURCHASE OF GOODS MAKES  
CALCULATION OF A PRECISE VALUE DIFFICULT, BUT A NOTIONAL  
VALUE IS \$240,000."

2. DATA SHEETS FOR 4043 DISC DRIVES WERE DEPOSITED  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OECD P 18408 051636Z

IN CONNECTION WITH COCOM DOC (72) 2086, BUT VERSION TO BE

SUPPLIED TO POLES IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, THIS IS A TWO-SPINDLE CARTRIDGE DISC TYPE WITH ONE FIXED AND ONE EXCHANGABLE CARTRIDGE; ROTATION PERIOD OF 40 M/SEC AT 1500 RPM; AVERAGE SEEK TIME OF 34 M/SEC; AVERAGE LATENCY TIME OF 20 M/SEC; AVERAGE ACCESS TIME OF 54 M/SEC; EFFECTIVE BIT TRANSFER RATE OF 0.868 M/BITS/ SEC; CAPACITY OF 50M BITS; AND A FACTOR OF 100 IN TERMS OF I1 1565  
NOTE 4(B)(4)IV)(B).

3. THIS IS THE TECHNOLOGY CASE MENTIONED IN UK STATEMENT MADE IN APPROVING US (72) 2393/94 CASES (REF C), AND PRESENT DOC STATES UK AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND IT TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO US TECHNOLOGY CASE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE TYPE 4043 DISC DRIVE IS SLOWER THAN THE TYPE 9425 (CDC) DISC DRIVE. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE, THE UK AUTHORITIES WOULD EXPECT ANY AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED TO THE UNSUCCESSFUL COMPANY TO BE WITHDRAWN."

4. UK TRANSACTION IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS LIFTED ALMOST WORD FOR WORD FROM THOSE APPLIED BY OEC TO (72) 2394 IN L/D 2074. MISSING FROM UK VERSION IS LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 1.(E) AND ALL OF PARA 1.(J).

5. POLISH MANUFACTURE UNDER THIS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (IF APPROVED) WILL NOT COMMENCE FOR 12 TO 18 MONTHS AND IN MEANTIME POLES "WILL BE RELIANT UPON SUPPLY OF COMPLETED UNITS FROM THE UK COMPANY, SUCH SUPPLIES BEING THE SUBJECT OF COCOM DOC (73)1020 OR ON THE SUPPLY OF SUB-ASSEMBLIES TO ENABLE MANUFACTURE IN POLAND. SUCH SUPPLIES TO BE SUBJECT TO SEPARATE APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE AS NECESSARY."

6. DOC NOTES ITS SUBMISSION WAS DELAYED PENDING US STATEMENT ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS SET OUT IN COCOM DOC (73) 1048 (PER STATE 117581). RE COURSE TO URGENCY PROCEDURE JUSTIFIED BY BELIEF THAT "EARLY AGREEMNT TO THIS PROPOSED EXPORT IS NECESSARY IF DISTORTION OF COMPETITION BETWEEN THE US AND UK FIRMS INVOLVED IS TO BE AVOIDED." VIEWS REQUESTED BY JULY 16.

7. ANNEX TO DOCUMENT GIVES DETAILS OF K-202 AND MERA 302 COMPETERS, WHICH WE ASSUME ARE AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES. MERA 302, WHICH USES MOMIK 8B CPU, IS A DESK UNIT VISIBLE RECORD COMPUTER WITH PAPER TAPE INPUT/OUTPUT, AND A LOGABAX LX 180 PRINTER. "WHERE JUSTIFIED A DRI MODEL 4043 DISC DRIVE CAN BE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 OECD P 18408 051636Z

FITTED, BUT IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED CONCEPT OF THE COMPUTER IT IS UNLIKELY THAT MORE THAN ONE UNIT WILL BE FITTED TO A SYSTEM".

8. USDEL COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT SEEN WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE TO THE QUERY IN EMBASSY WARSAW'S 3152 AND DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE CDC CONTRACT HAS IN FACT BEEN CONSUMMATED. IF IT HAS, THE UK CLAIM TO ALTERNATIVITY MAY BE SUPERFLUOUS. NEVERTHELESS, THE CASE - AND THAT OF (73) 1020 - SEEMS CLEARLY PARALLEL TO THOSE

WHICH WE HAVE SUBMITTED AND HENCE SHOULD PERMIT AN EARLY  
DEFINITIVE POSITION BY US. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED ASAP.  
BROWN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 05 JUL 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** thigpegh  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973OECDP18408  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** X1 BROWN  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** OECD PARIS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730753/aaaabnbv.tel  
**Line Count:** 118  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 73 (NOTAL); A. COCOM DOC (73)1153  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** thigpegh  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 20 AUG 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <20-Aug-2001 by smithrj>; APPROVED <18-Oct-2001 by thigpegh>  
**Review Markings:**  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** UK DISC DRIVE TECHNOLOGY TO POLAND - IL 1565  
**TAGS:** ESTC, UK, PL, COCOM  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005